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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The Board was superseded with effect from 25th July 1951.

" (b) There were several irregularities in the day-to-day administration of the society such as incurring of expenditure without proper sanction of the general body, misuse of the car belonging to the society, failure to regulate the work of the lorries belonging to the Society, failure to exercise proper supervision over the procurement operations of the society, etc. With a view to safeguard the interest of the shareholders and the financing bank the Registrar superseded the Board of Directors."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" In view of the frequent questions put on the floor of the House regarding the imperfect working of co-operative institutions in the State and in view of the elaborate discussion this House had last time about the undesirable way in which the co-operative institutions in the State were working and also in view of the frequent criminal cases coming up before courts against the office-bearers of very many institutions, will the Government consider the necessity for appointing a committee of experts and Members of this House to go into th working of co-operative institutions in this State and to suggest ways and means of improving their working? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, the Government have under consideration the appointment of a committee on Co-operation."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Is it a fact that the administration of this co-operative society went from bad to worse after the Registrar took charge? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already answered the question, Sir."

Problem of unemployment among Harijans.

* 59 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state with reference to the answer to unstarred question No. 24, dated 24th March 1954—

(a) the result of the investigation undertaken by the Government into the question of unemployment among Harijans; 12-20 p.m.

(b) the schemes which are under Government's contemplation for the purpose; and

(c) whether Government have got statistics to show the number of unemployed Harijans in the State?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) & (b) The question of providing additional employment facilities to educated persons belonging to Harijans and backward classes is still under investigation and no definite scheme has yet been evolved.

" (c) No, Sir."

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Sri A. RATNAM :—" ஹரிஜனங்கள் வேலையில்லாத் திண்டாட்டத்தின் காரணமாக கள்ளச் சாராயம் காய்ச்சுவது காட்டன் மார்க்கெட் ஆடுவது போன்ற வேலைகளில் ஈடுபடுகின்றனர். எனவே உடனடியாக ஒரு கமிட்டியை நியமித்து அவர்களுக்கு வேலை தருவதற்கான ஏற்பாடுகளை சர்க்கார் ஆலோசிக்குமா ?"

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, I do not think the hon. Member is justified in saying that Harijans and people belonging to the backward communities are incdulging in illicit distillation. Apart from this we have asked the Director of Agriculture, the Director of Industries, the Director of Harijan Welfare and other Heads of Departments to suggest to us ways and means of getting over this difficulty of relaxing the rules and showing concessions with regard to the appointment of candidates belonging to backward communities and Harijans. A consolidated list is expected from the Director of Harijan Welfare, Sir."

Sri V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister whether it is not a fact that the employment exchanges under the Government of India are not really helpful in solving the unemployment problem among Harijans and will the Government consider the desirability of starting separate employment exchanges for Harijans? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, there is a suggestion by the Harijan Welfare Advisory Board and that suggestion is being examined by the Government."

Sri S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" சர்க்கார் உத்தியோகங்களில் ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கும், பிற்பட்ட இனத்தவர்களுக்கும் இத்தனை ஸ்தானங்கள் கொடுக்கப்படவேண்டுமென்று விதி இருக்கிறது. அதேமாதிரி தனிப்பட்டவர்களின் ஸ்தாபனங்களிலும் ஹரி ஜனங்களுக்கு இத்தனை ஸ்தானங்களாவது ஒதுக்கிக்கொடுக்க வேண்டுமென்று சர்க்கார் விதி ஒன்றை ஏற்படுத்துமா ? அப்படி ஏற்படுத்தினால்தான் ஹரிஜனங்களிடத்தில் இருக்கும் வேலையில்லாத் திண்டாட்டத்தை நீக்க முடியும் என்பதை சர்க்கார் இனிமேலாவது உணர்வார்களா ?"

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The Director of Harijan Welfare is recommending deserving cases to the various companies and other establishments in the City of Madras and elsewhere."

Sri P. G. MANICKAM :—" பத்தாவது வரை பாஸ் செய்து இருக்கிற அல்லது பெயிலாகி இருக்கிற ஹரிஜன மாணவர்களின் எண்ணிக்கை எவ்வளவென்று கணக்கெடுத்து அவர்களுக்கொல்லாம் வேலை கொடுக்க சர்க்கார் முன்வருமா ?"

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, it is a laborious task. At any rate, the Harijan Welfare Department has made some suggestions and they are being examined by the Government."

Sri M. JAGANNATHAN :—" This disease of unemployment among the white collared gentlemen has already crept into the ranks of the Harijans and Backward Communities. Will the Government come forward to cure them of this disease at an early date? "

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Suggestions are required from hon. Members, Sir, not merely questions."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The Hon. Minister said that it was a laborious task. Is it the question of taking statistics that is laborious or giving jobs to these people that is laborious? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, it is not so easy as some hon. Members imagine. There are some students who have failed in the S.S.L.C. examination. There are some who have studied up to Third Form. There are still others who have very little qualification. There are certain qualifications prescribed for appointment of candidates for different posts. Government have relaxed the rules in respect of qualifications in certain cases. The age limit also has been relaxed. In spite of these relaxations there are certain candidates belonging to Backward communities and Harijan community who are still unemployed. To provide jobs to the candidates who are unemployed Government are doing their very best. But for every job qualifications are prescribed and we are trying without impairing efficiency of the Government and other services to do our best to give employment to these people."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Let us thank the Minister for the laborious answer, Sir."

Research on gypsum deposits at Palladam, Coimbatore district.

* 60 *Q*.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether this Government have conducted any research on gypsum deposits at Palladam in Coimbatore district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" This Government have not conducted any research on the gypsum deposits at Palladam in the Coimbatore District. But the Geological department of the Government of India have investigated the occurrence of gypsum in this area during the field season 1947–48."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS *RE*

(1) ARREST OF EX-TODDY TAPPERS KUNNATHUR, ERODE TALUK OF COIMBATORE DISTRICT.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri N. K. Palanisami has given notice of an adjournment motion to discuss a matter of urgent public importance. The motion reads as follows :—

' That this House stands adjourned to consider a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the arrest of 150 ex-toddy tappers at Kunnathur, Erode taluk of Coimbatore district, by the Police consequent on the failure of the licensing authority to renew their sweet toddy tapping licences in time, resulting in the unemployment and threat to the peace in and around the area and the failure of the Government to intervene in spite of representations.'